

January 5, 2006

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG offices downtown, Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President Toni Young, Councilmember, City of Port Hueneme. There was a quorum.

Committee Members Present

Councilmember Toni Young	President
Supervisor Yvonne Burke	1 st Vice President
Mayor Pro Tem Ron Roberts	Immediate Past President
Councilmember Harry Baldwin	Chair, TCC
Councilmember Deborah Robertson	Chair, CEHD
Councilmember Dennis Washburn	Chair, EEC
Councilmember Sid Tyler	Chair, Admin

Members Not Present

Supervisor Gary Ovitt	2 nd Vice President
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Others Present

David Ryu	Deputy, Sup. Yvonne Burke
Councilmember Larry McCallon	RC member
Catherine McMillan	CVAG

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Bert Becker, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikhrata, Director, Planning & Policy
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services
Don Rhodes, Manager, Governmental Affairs
Diane Cunningham, Business Support Supervisor
Charolette Pienkos, Gov't Affairs Officer
Sarah Adams, Govt Affairs Officer
Judy Owens, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

**President Young
Chair**

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments presented at this time.

3.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Approval of December 1, 2005 Minutes

It was MOVED (Roberts), SECONDED (Baldwin) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1.2 Discuss CEQA Streamlining Joint Workshop

Mark Pisano reported that legislative initiatives which are being developed in Sacramento will be discussed at the CEQA joint workshop.

He stated that SB 1024 & SB 832 (Perata) are being introduced that deal with funding, statewide planning and CEQA relief. The discussion will also include a status of where the bills are, as well as the provisions and how they relate to the programs that are being developed.

Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel, gave a brief overview of the itinerary outlined for the joint workshop. She stated four areas would be presented. They are: 1) Discussions of SB 1024 including the current provisions, the anticipated change within the bill as well as what the current provisions could mean for SCAG and its members; 2) Discussion of SB 832 and its anticipated amendments which relate to the need and value of regional growth management plans; 3) Housing/RHNA related issues; and 4) Financial Incentives and possible financing mechanisms that could be made available as incentives to local agencies who participate on a voluntary basis in some of these efforts.

3.1.3 Update on Goods Movement

Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy, stated that significant progress was made on the following issues: 1) A memorandum of understanding with the federal and state agencies; 2) The CEOs and commissions pledged \$35,000 to work on finalizing the MOU; and 3) The CEOs asked SCAG to arrange with the commissions and the chairpersons of each SCAG committee to discuss institutional arrangements to implement goods movement projects. The meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2006.

Mr. Ikhata also reported that the Southern California Leadership requested a meeting with all parties regarding goods movement issue. The meeting will be scheduled prior to the January 20th meeting.

3.1.4 Update on Consensus Trip to Washington, D.C.

Don Rhodes, Manager, Governmental Affairs, stated that the consensus trip is scheduled for February 7th & 8th.

RSVPs confirm participation from all of the commissions. The schedule for each day was also presented.

The consensus theme focus for this year's trip is Goods Movement. He reported that the Communications & Membership Subcommittee recommended presenting a model-size truck, customized with an imprinted message on the vehicle to members of Congress. Mr. Rhodes stated that Regional Council authorization is sought to approve up to \$3000 from the General Fund to secure these presentation materials.

4.0 **PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Young announced that the "State of the Region" press conference was scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

5.0 **REVIEW OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA**

Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director, gave a brief overview of key items on the agenda. He stated the TCC recommended changing schedule of the Regional Transportation Plan from a 3-year to a 4-year schedule.

Mr. Gosnell also stated that a Federal Trade Agreement with Thailand will also be presented for approval. Mr. Ikhrata briefed the committee on the issues of the trade agreement. He noted that this was a good opportunity as well as being the first time to provide comments on the trade agreements. Toni Young felt that the draft language referencing "federal responsibility" should be written stronger and language should also be included regarding control sources under the Federal Support section. Also the language should be strengthened regarding more aggressive non-polluting vehicles standards.

Mr. Gosnell also reported that the KPMG Audit will be pulled, because the report has not been completed. He noted that Councilmember Tyler will make presentations on the subregional audit process to all of the policy committees. The Administration Committee and Audit Subcommittee felt it was a good idea to inform members of the program and the status. President Young stated that an announcement of a mandatory workshop should be included as part of Councilmember Tyler's report.

6.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mark Pisano stated that he and staff participated in a number of meetings during the month on the goods movement. He reported on a meeting with the CEOs in which an MOU was discussed as well as how to move forward on the environmental process with the federal and state agencies. There were also discussions on determining what kind of institution that could be created for purposes of taking advantage of the work that was completed last year on the value matrix and port elasticity.

Mr. Pisano stated that the private-sector indicated their willingness to provide financial support to both projects of capital expansion and mitigation if there was an institution in place to negotiate with.

Mr. Pisano spoke with Senator Lowenthal and informed him that work is currently being done regarding seeking an institution. He asked the Senator to give the region the first opportunity to complete this task.

Mr. Pisano also reported on his meetings with the leadership of Long Beach, Inland Empire and the Mayor's office of Los Angeles regarding charter-law cities putting together such an institution. He also briefed the committee on the 2% Strategy Update as well as Blueprint Grant Application.

7.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

7.1 Closed Session

- Writ of Mandate re: Board of Control Decision on, Statutes 1980 Ch. 1143 Claim No. 3929 Before the Commission on State Mandates (RHNA Determination Cost Reimbursement- Council of Governments). Code Section Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government 54956.9 Pending Litigation (one potential case)."

No closed session was held

- Conference with Legal Counsel – potential litigation Audit issues: San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and Orange County Council of Governments. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(b) Two (2) potential cases.

No closed session was held.

- Havens v. SCAG
Havens v. Southern California Association of Governments, Los Angeles County, Case No. BC 324931
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation
Pursuant to Government Code section §54956.9(a)

No closed session was held.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2005.

Mark Pisano, Executive Director